

NOVA SCOTIA

RATE BASE PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Addendum 4: Revisions to Section 6.2.5 Project Site

The Procurement Administrator is issuing the following Addendum to Section 6.2.5 Project Site of the Rate Base Procurement Request for Proposals (RFP). An updated version of the RFP that contains the revisions outlined in this Addendum has been uploaded to the RFP tab of the RBP website, and the original version has been removed. Below, the Procurement Administrator has included the corrected Sections, as well as a redline outlining the changes made. Please note that the PA has also updated tab “D_Project Site” of the template Configuration Spreadsheet to reflect these revisions.

Corrected Sections:

6.2.5 PROJECT SITE

Proponents must demonstrate the ability to secure the Site on either private land or Crown land. To succeed in the *Site* scoring category, Proponents must include the following information in their Proposals:

- a. summary of the Site, which, at a minimum, must:
 - i. identify both the Generating Facility and Interconnection Facilities;
 - ii. for private land, include:
 - 1) PID numbers; and
 - 2) the number of hectares for each parcel;
 - iii. for Crown land, include:
 - 1) the Project Boundary (equivalent to the Site) which must be included in the output of a Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan;
 - 2) the number of hectares in the Project; Boundary; and
 - 3) PID numbers;
- b. description of the status of Site Control (e.g., lease, option, ownership,) or status of Crown land leasing process (e.g., Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan)
- c. for Sites on private land, evidence of Site Control for Generating Facilities and the equivalent right to construct and install Interconnection Facilities:
 - i. a Notice of Option to lease or purchase, and signature page;
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 - iii. Title Deed; or
 - iv. evidence that an easement or other real property rights, approvals, or authorizations have been provided to grant access to use the land (for Interconnection Facilities only).

- d. for Sites on Crown land:
 - i. the original of the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan; and
 - ii. if a parcel shown on an original Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan reveals the existence of a Critical Flaw, relevant details in connection with the revised Site.

6.2.5.1 Generating Facility

For Generating Facilities on private land, Proponents must demonstrate Site Control for 85% of the Site. For Generating Facilities located on Crown land, Proponents must demonstrate that 100% of the Site does not have any Critical Flaws (see Section 6.2.5.3). For Generation Facilities located both on private land and Crown land:

- a. the Proponent must have Site Control for 85% of the portion of the Site that is on private land; and
- b. the Proponent must demonstrate the absence of any Critical Flaws on the portion of the Site that is on Crown land.

Projects located on Crown land are not guaranteed to obtain a Crown lease, even without a Critical Flaw identified (see Section 6.2.5.3). As a result of this risk, such Projects are eligible to participate in the RFP, but the additional risk of not obtaining Site Control is reflected in the scoring.

Proposals that demonstrate Site Control for 85% of the Site on private land must provide mature plans for obtaining Site Control for the remainder of the Site (i.e., the remaining 15%). Proposals with 100% of the Generation Facility on Private Land and with 100% Site Control are eligible for additional points.

6.2.5.2 Interconnection Facilities

For private lands underlying the Site where Interconnection Facilities will be located, Proponents must demonstrate they either have obtained, or have mature plans to obtain:

- a. an option to lease or purchase;
- b. a lease;
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to grant access to construct and install the Interconnection Facilities within the Project Boundary in compliance with Laws and Regulations.

For Crown lands underlying the Site where Interconnection Facilities will be located, Proponents must comply with the requirements governing the Sites for Generation Facilities as described in Section 6.2.5.1 (i.e., the submission of the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan). Proposals with 100% of the Interconnection Facilities on Private Land and with 100% of the land secured through an option, a lease, ownership or an easement are eligible for additional points.

6.2.5.3 Crown Land

The Project Boundary included in the Proposal for Projects sited on Crown land shall not contain a Critical Flaw (i.e., the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan does not produce a “red” output within the Project Boundary). Any Crown land included in the Project Boundary of a configuration must be included in the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan as a preliminary indication that there are no Critical Flaws within the proposed Project Boundary. The PA will review the Project Boundary reflected in the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan for Critical Flaws. Proposals with a Project Boundary that contain a Critical Flaw are not eligible to be scored. Proponents were provided with the opportunity to use the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan to revise their Proposals prior to submission by removing the portions of Project Boundaries that were found to have a Critical Flaw.

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Proponents should note that the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan does not include ground truthing or site visits. This is a required part of the Crown land lease process run by NRR after the Agreement is executed. The absence of a Critical Flaw does not guarantee that a Proponent will receive a Crown land lease. Selected Proponents will be eligible to submit an application in the Crown land lease application process.

A sample output of the Preliminary Crown Land Desktop Scan can be found in Appendix **Error! Reference source not found.**

6.2.5.4 Scored Criteria for Project Site

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<p>Additional 1 point</p>	<p>For a Project Boundary (or portion of the Project Boundary) located on private land, the Proponent demonstrates that it successfully secured the right to construct and/or install Interconnection Facilities on 100% of the portion of the Project Boundary (or portion of the Project Boundary located in private land) in accordance with Section 6.2.5.2. For the avoidance of doubt, a Proponent with mature plans (in the absence of a right) to secure the lands upon which the Interconnection Facilities are located will not be entitled to an additional point.</p>
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